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17 - 18 MAY 1977

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1. APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR VIEWS ON
PROBABLE DPC AGENDA.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT A RESTRICTED SESSION WILL BE USEFUL, AND
SUGGEST THAT IT BE PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE EARLY ON THE AGENDA.
RESTRICTED SESSION SHOULD BEGIN WITH STATEMENT BY LUNS ON
FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS ON DEFENSE MATTERS TAKEN UP AT THE SUMMIT,
AND PROBABLY COULD BE LISTED AS "FOLLOW-UP TO NATO SUMMIT."
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ATTENDANCE COULD BE HELD TO THE USUAL TWO UP AND FOUR BACK,
BUT WE WOULD EXPECT A RECORD OF DECISIONS TAKEN TO COME OUT
OF THE SESSION. OTHERWISE, WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE FOLLOW-UP
BECOMES OBSCURED BY THE SECURITY OF THE RESTRICTED SESSION.
IF RECORD OF DECISIONS IS TAKEN FOR IMPLEMENTATION THIS
COULD PRECLUDE ADDING AGENDA ITEMS TO ACCOMMODATE ANY US
INITIATIVES.

3. SUBJECTS AND INITIATIVES INTENDED TO BE RAISED IN

RESTRICTED SESSION WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPTTEL AS STAFFING
PROGRESSES.

4. WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT MINISTERS ENGAGE IN
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS OF COOPERATION IN DEFENSE
EQUIPMENT MATTERS. MISSION SHOULD ASSURE THAT WE RETAIN
A GOOD FOCUS ON HARMONIZATION MATTERS AS THE AGENDA
DEVELOPS.

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